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Please note that news sites update their hyperlinks, so it is advised that articles of interest be read soon as they might not be accessible later.

## **The Detroit News: Former Michigan Justice Hathaway admits fraud, may face jail time**

"Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway confessed Tuesday to orchestrating an elaborate two-year scheme to defraud her bank of \$600,000 owed on a Grosse Pointe Park home."

[Full story](#)

### ***Also see:***

## **The Detroit News: Timeline of former Justice Hathaway's troubles**

[Full story](#)

## **Detroit Free Press: Retired Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway admits fraud in house sale (video)**

[Full story](#)

Note: The article also ran in the Daily Press & Argus.

## **Legal Newsline: Former Mich. SC justice pleads guilty to bank fraud**

[Full story](#)

## **Michigan Radio/Ann Arbor: Jack Lessenberry Commentary: Supreme Court scandal**

[Full story](#)

## **WDIV-TV(4)/Detroit: US Attorney talks about Michigan justice's fraud**

[Full story](#)

## **WJBK-TV(2)/Detroit: Hathaway admits she committed bank fraud in federal court**

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## **WXYZ-TV(7)/Detroit: Former Michigan Supreme Court Justice Diane Hathaway pleads guilty to bank fraud**

[Full story](#)

## **Chicago Tribune: Ex-Michigan justice pleads guilty to bank fraud, faces prison time**

[Full story](#)

## **National Review Blog: Bench Memos: Former Justice Diane Hathaway Pleads Guilty**

[Full story](#)

## **TickleTheWire.com: Michigan Supreme Court Judge Diane Hathaway Pleads Guilty to Bank Fraud**

[Full story](#)

## **The Wall Street Journal: Michigan Judge Quits**

[Full story](#)

Note: Versions of the Associated Press article also ran in several news outlets including the Oakland Press, the Traverse City Record-Eagle, the New York Times, the Washington Post, and the Huffington Post Detroit.

## **Detroit Free Press: Michigan Court of Appeals says no crime in sharing medical marijuana**

"The Michigan appeals court says there's nothing illegal about a medical marijuana user providing a small amount of pot to another registered user at no cost. The court agreed Wednesday with a Barry County judge who had dismissed charges against Tony Green."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**The Detroit News: Michigan appeals court: No crime in sharing medical marijuana**

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**Associated Press: Mich. court: No crime in sharing medical marijuana**

[Full story](#)

**Grand Rapids Press: Michigan Court of Appeals backs Barry County medical marijuana provider**

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Michigan Senate panel wants to lift judge age limit**

"Michigan would do away with a requirement barring judges older than 70 from being elected or appointed under a constitutional change a Senate panel unanimously approved Tuesday.... Michigan State Court Administrator Chad Schmucker, who testified before the committee, raised concerns about throwing out the age limit completely."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**Detroit Free Press: Bill would lift age limits for Michigan's judges**

[Full story](#)

**Associated Press: Mich. Senate panel OKs removing judge age limit**

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland Press and WKAR News/East Lansing.**

**MLive.com: Age discrimination? Michigan resolution would ask voters to lift 70-year-old limitation on judges**

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Judge rules juveniles sentenced to life may be eligible for parole**

"Inmates sentenced to life in prison for murder as juveniles are eligible for parole and must receive a 'fair and meaningful' chance at leaving prison, [U.S. District Judge John Corbett O'Meara] said Wednesday.... The judge's order trumps a ruling last fall by the state appeals court, which said retroactivity would not apply for most people already behind bars."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

**MLive.com: Federal judge: Michigan juvenile lifers entitled to fair and meaningful possibility of parole**

[Full story](#)

**The Detroit News: Ex-Highland Park emergency manager faces embezzlement trial May 6**

"... Arthur Blackwell II is accused of misappropriating \$264,000 from the city of Highland Park from 2005 to 2009.... In December, the state Supreme Court refused to hear his legal challenge to the appeals court decision and cleared the way for a new trial."

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Highland Twp. man gets 20-60 years for mother's slaying**

"A onetime Christian high school honor student was sentenced Tuesday to 20-60 years in prison for beating and stabbing his mentally ill mother to death. Jeffrey B. Pyne, 22, of Highland Township received the prison term for second-degree murder from Judge Leo Bowman in Oakland County Circuit Court."

[Full story](#)

**Also see:**

### **Detroit Free Press: Jeffrey Pyne gets 20-60 years for stabbing and beating mentally ill mother to death**

[Full story](#)

### **The Oakland Press: Jeffrey Pyne, convicted of second-degree murder in mother's death, sentenced to 20 to 60 years in prison WITH VIDEOS**

[Full story](#)

### **The Detroit News: Soldier: Judge should lift ban on service dog in courtroom**

"A decorated soldier who uses a service dog because of post-traumatic stress disorder is asking a judge to reconsider an order banning the animal from a Wayne County Circuit courtroom during a case. U.S. Army Col. Timothy McKernan, 48, said he was shocked when Wayne County Circuit Judge Lawrence Talon banned him and his service dog, a miniature poodle named Lt. Dani, from his court on Monday."

[Full story](#)

### **Ann Arbor.com: Motion to remove judge from Scio Township murder case denied**

"Washtenaw County Trial Court Judge Archie Brown will continue to preside over Jonathon Aiden's criminal case after a motion to disqualify him was shot down Tuesday.... Steven Tramontin, Aiden's attorney, brought a motion to disqualify Brown from the case in front of Washtenaw County Trial Court Chief Judge Donald Shelton Tuesday."

[Full story](#)

### **Battle Creek Enquirer: Jury-duty scammers seek \$500**

"At least three Calhoun County residents were targets of a scam threatening jail for jurors. The periodic attempt to steal money by intimidating victims has been reported in at least one other county, according to the Michigan State Court Administrative Office."

[Full story](#)

**\*\*The article is available by subscription only.**

**Also see:**

### **Herald-Palladium/St. Joseph: Officials: Watch for jury duty scam**

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: State Court administrator warns of jury duty scam**

[Full story](#)

### **Beware jury duty scam phone calls, e-mails, State Court Administrator warns**

[Press release](#)

### **Daily Press & Argus: Michigan Supreme Court won't reconsider appeal in molestation case**

"A Fowlerville man convicted of molesting two girls lost his bid to overturn his conviction. The Michigan Supreme Court said it would not reconsider the appeal for Troy Roland Hamilton, who was ordered in 2010 to serve 10-15 years in prison for multiple counts of criminal sexual conduct for molesting two girls, ages 11 and 13, at their homes and his home."

[Full story](#)

### **Daily Press & Argus: Defense attorney granted appeal**

"The Michigan Court of Appeals has agreed to hear a Madison Heights attorney's appeal of a Livingston County judge's ruling that booted him from representing two women on charges they sold synthetic marijuana."

[Full story](#)

### **Daily Press & Argus: Judge orders Bonners to demolish homes**

"A Livingston County judge ordered Marilyn and Leon Bonner to tear down their two vacant houses in downtown Brighton and closed the case that has dragged on for four years. However, the two houses won't be demolished anytime soon, and the case will likely continue."

[Full story](#)

### **Detroit Legal News: Snyder asks for court ruling on right-to-work law**

"Gov. Rick Snyder asked the Michigan Supreme Court on Monday to rule quickly on the constitutionality of the new right-to-work law that takes effect in late March, saying questions on how it would impact 35,000 unionized state employees must be resolved before new contract talks begin this summer."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Oakland County Legal News.**

**Also see:**

**The MiLW Blog: Snyder asks MSC to rule on right-to-work**

[Full story](#)

### **Flint-Genesee Legal News: Justice McCormack praised, welcomed to Supreme Court in investiture**

"New Justice Bridget Mary McCormack was praised for her legal scholarship and character at her investiture ceremony at the Michigan Hall of Justice in Lansing recently."

[Full story](#)

**Note: The article also ran in the Grand Rapids Legal News.**

### **MLive.com: Ingham County Sheriff: New road kill cleanup duty program for nonviolent offenders saves Ingham County taxpayers \$1,600 in 2012**

"... [Dead Animal Recovery Team or DART] allows judges to sentence nonviolent offenders to cleanup duty as opposed to probation, jail time and other sentences, collected more than 380 dead animals from 1,500 miles of Ingham County roadways from May through the end of 2012, according to the sheriff's office."

[Full story](#)

### **Oakland County Legal News: Meinecke sworn in to district court**

"An investiture and swearing in ceremony was conducted Thursday, Jan. 17, at Royal Oak Middle School for Oakland County 44th District Court Judge Derek Meinecke. Happy to swear in his successor was recently retired Oakland County 44th District Court Judge Daniel Sawicki."

[Full story](#)

### **The Oakland Press: Prosecutors: More than a dozen drug cases dismissed in Oakland County after learning investigator lied under oath**

"... Marc Ferguson, a 23-year police veteran with the Pontiac Police Department and the Sheriff's Office, lied about opening a package containing marijuana at a Pontiac shipping company before obtaining a search warrant, officials said Tuesday."

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